
SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE INSPECTORS

OF THE

STATE ALMSHOUSE

AT

TEWKSBURY.

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INSPECTORS' REPORT.

To His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council.

The Inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury respectfully present their Seventeenth Annual Report.

The condition of the institution in detail will sufficiently appear by the accompanying reports of the Superintendent and Physician. To these we refer you as indicating to what uses the money of the Commonwealth intrusted to us has been put, the condition of the inmates of the institution, and the care which has been exercised over them.

It will appear by the report of the Superintendent, that the expense of supporting each inmate for the year has been only one dollar and ninety cents,—but a few cents more than was expended during the years previous to the war, when provisions and clothing were comparatively cheap. When we consider in this connection that the diet has never been more generous, the conclusion is natural, if not inevitable, that the administration of affairs by the superintendent has been both humane and economical. In the reports of the superintendent and physician it also appears that the request for a new hospital has been renewed with much earnestness.

We should urge this matter with a strong appeal based upon the necessities of the case, if we did not understand that the necessity was admitted by all who have any knowledge of the matter. Two years ago the board of state charities were authorized to build a hospital, and steps were initiated for that purpose; plans for a building were submitted, but were not

agreed upon ; and last year the provision authorizing the building was repealed, and nothing further was done.

Believing that there is no longer any question that the demand for additional accommodations for the sick is *imperative*, we now only ask that the necessary legislation may be had at the earliest possible moment.

The superintendent also asks for some addition to the barn and a new piggery. We would also recommend these as being demanded by the enlargement of the farm and increase of farm stock. The farm is in an excellent condition, and its productiveness is increasing each succeeding year. The farmer, with the help of the inmates, is continually reclaiming and improving the wet and poor lands, and converting them into fertile fields. The early crops of this season have been good, but the late ones were seriously affected by the unprecedented drouth and heat which have been felt throughout New England.

The buildings have been thoroughly painted during the summer, and are now in good order.

The medical report exhibits an increase of the number of deaths during the year, and suggests some of the causes.

We are obliged to conclude that the municipal authorities who have charge of transferring the poor from their own care to that of the State, are more than negligent in their treatment of the sick. Many instances have occurred where invalid paupers have been brought to the institution in a dying condition, and under such circumstances as indicated haste on the part of the overseers lest the patients should die on their hands.

If these cases can be reached and remedied by legislation, let the remedy be promptly and severely applied.

In order to relieve the resident physician of a part of his responsibility, we have provided a consulting physician, who is to visit the sick once in two weeks, and oftener if necessary.

We have been fortunate in securing for this position the services of Dr. Nathan Allen, of Lowell, a gentleman who is not only prominent in his profession, but has always shown a great interest in the welfare of the institution, and who, as a member of the board of state charities, has held intimate relations with it.

The school, which has gradually been decreasing, has finally

died out, and there is no prospect of its reëstablishment, as all the children are provided for in the school at Monson.

We commend the superintendent and his subordinate officers for their untiring faithfulness in the discharge of the duties of their respective departments; and this we do in no formal manner, but as an assurance to the Commonwealth that she will find men of devotion and fidelity to dispense those charities which she so bountifully bestows upon the destitute within her borders.

F. H. NOURSE,
GEO. P. ELLIOT,
BENJ. C. PERKINS,

Inspectors.

TEWKSBURY, October 14, 1870.

SALARIES.

Francis H. Nourse, (Inspector,)	\$160 00
George P. Elliot, (Inspector,)	160 00
Benjamin C. Perkins, (Inspector,)	160 00
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	\$480 00
Thomas J. Marsh, (Superintendent,) }	1,800 00
Mrs. Marsh, (Matron,) }	
Joseph D. Nichols, (Physician,)	1,200 00
Thomas J. Marsh, Jr., (Ass't Sup't and Clerk,) }	1,040 00
Mrs. Marsh, (Ass't Matron,) }	
John H. Cocker, (Engineer,) }	900 00
William T. Cocker, (Assistant,) }	
James Poor, (Farmer,)	600 00
Amos K. Stevens, } Supervisors of the Insane,	782 33
Mrs. Stevens, }	
David A. Gorham, (Watchman,) }	568 00
Mrs. Gorham, (Ass't Matron,) }	
William F. Holt, (Baker,)	480 00
James C. Poor, (Herdsman and Butcher,)	450 00
Charles B. Marsh, (Ass't Clerk,) from Nov. 1,	330 00
Nathan P. Chase, (Ass't Farmer,) from Nov. 16, }	444 50
Mrs. Chase, (Ass't Matron,) from Nov. 16, }	
Maria H. Mansur, (Teacher,) to Sept. 1,	190 67
Martha B. Marsh, (Ass't Matron,)	208 00
George G. Spofford, (Teamster,)	360 00
Abraham S. Barnard, (Cook,)	365 00
Charles E. Clark, (Ass't Farmer,)	360 00
Henry J. Moulton, (Ass't Clerk,) 1 month,	30 00
John T. B. Bailey, (Ass't Farmer,) from July 6,	70 50
Lucretia O. Webster, (Hospital Cook,) to July 1,	156 00
Bessie E. Dixon, (Ass't Matron,) from Feb. 16,	128 75
Anna S. Roberts, (Laundress,) from March 3,	119 68
Charlotte A. Thomas, (Dairymaid,) from July 7,	48 34
Elbridge H. Batchelder, (Ass't Farmer,) 9 months,	270 00
Nancy M. Foster, (Ass't Matron,) 1 month,	17 34
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In conformity with the statutes of the Commonwealth, the following exhibit of the annual inventory of the real estate and personal property for 1870, is presented :—

Live stock,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$10,248 00
Carriages and agricultural tools,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,838 00
Machinery and mechanical tools,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22,329 84
Beds and bedding,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16,234 11
Other furniture and property,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8,235 50
Personal property in the Superintendent's department,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,253 84
Ready-made clothing,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,542 37
Dry goods,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,104 54
Provisions and groceries,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,641 83
Drugs and medicines,	607 78
Fuel,	8,590 00
Library,	552 00
Products of the farm on hand,	9,545 50
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								\$100,723 31
Real estate (buildings,)	\$136,205 00
Land,	22,629 21
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								158,834 21
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Total,	\$259,557 52

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true schedule and appraisal of the personal property and real estate at the State Almshouse at Tewksbury belonging to the State, September 30, 1870. The appraisal was made by us and is correct according to our best judgment.

(Signed,)

PEDRICK & CLOSSON,

Appraisers.

Then personally appeared before me William R. Pedrick, and made oath that the above schedule and appraisal is correct, according to his best knowledge and belief.

LAWRENCE, ESSEX ss. Oct. 5, 1870. Subscribed and sworn to before me.

(Signed,)

A. W. HARMON, *Justice of the Peace.*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury.

GENTLEMEN :—In obedience to the requirement of law, I have the honor to present my Thirteenth Annual Report, it being the seventeenth of this institution.

The whole number supported during the year has been twenty-three hundred and fifty-nine, three hundred and eighty-six less than appears by the table of admissions. The average weekly number supported has been seven hundred and twenty-four. The amount drawn from the treasury for the current expenses of the year is \$75,333 71

Received from the sale of flour barrels,

hides, tallow, grease, bones and rags, \$1,232 59

Received by the general agent of state

charities for the board of inmates, . 513 30

Received from the general agent for

railroad tickets, 316 30

2,062 19

Gross expenditures, \$73,271 52

This amount, divided among the seven hundred and twenty-four persons, gives an average yearly cost of \$101.20 for each individual, or a weekly average of about \$1.90 per capita.

By referring to Table No. 3, it will be seen that there has been expended for painting the buildings, repairs and improvements \$8,144.75, which is not properly chargeable to the support of inmates, and if deducted would reduce the weekly cost to about \$1.72 for each person. When it is remembered that a very large proportion of all those supported are of the most expensive class, the cost per capita will not, I am confident, be regarded as extraordinary.

The appraisal of the property was made this year by a new firm, and they have certainly displayed rare qualifications in

this line. When commencing they stated that they did not wish to consult the former appraisals, preferring to rely upon their own judgment. The amount of appraisal exceeds that of last year some seventeen hundred dollars. Of this difference I have made no account in making my statement of weekly cost, preferring to figure upon the actual cash expended.

Of the number admitted this year, 89 have been sentenced from this institution to the State Workhouse, 42 transferred to the State Almshouse at Bridgewater, and 139 have been transferred to the State Almshouse at Monson.

In consequence of the continual transferring of the well children to the State Primary School at Monson, it was deemed advisable to discontinue our school, and accordingly, by a vote of the Inspectors, it was closed at the end of September. Up to this time it had been under the care of Miss Maria H. Mansur.

I wish to call your attention to the carefully prepared report of the Resident Physician. You will notice that although there is an increase in our bill of mortality, the sanitary condition of the institution has been good; no epidemic has prevailed. A large proportion of the deaths has been among the new comers or the aged inmates.

It will be seen by a statement of the products of the farm, that our hay crop was good; and of the other crops there will be from one-half to about three-fourths our usual quantity.

I wish to repeat once more the "oft told story" of our wants, and I would that I could intensify my words proportionately to the necessities of the case, and yet I suppose my duty will be done when I have stated them. We need new hospital accommodations. I believe that upon this subject all who have anything to do with the care or oversight of the institution are agreed. Another want is more barn-room. The class of inmates which we now have require more milk than we have heretofore used, we must keep more cows, and as we shall have an increase in our crops from our newly purchased land, it is important that we have room for storing them. We also need a new pig-gery; of this there cannot be a question in the mind of any sane man. I suppose the sum of twenty-two thousand dollars would be sufficient for all these purposes. I hope it will be your pleasure to impress upon the legislature the importance of making an appropriation to meet these wants.

To each and all of the officers who have shared with me in the cares and responsibilities of the household, I wish to tender my sincere thanks. I believe that all have desired to perform their duties faithfully.

Four years ago the asylum for the harmless and incurable insane was opened. The necessity was found in the then crowded and constantly increasing number admitted to the several hospitals in the Commonwealth. It was commenced as an experiment. I believe it has met the expectations of its projectors. Allow me to refer you to the following statistics of this department of the institution.

	Total.	Males.	Females.
Remaining in this department Sept. 30, 1869, . . .	267	94	173
Admitted during the year,	163	58	105
Discharged during the year,	72	29	43
Deaths during the year,	46	14	32
Desertions during the year,	18	16	2
Whole number admitted,	805	342	463
Whole number discharged,	511	248	263
Remaining Sept. 30, 1870,	294	93	201

The following table will show the number who died, their sex and the places from which they were transferred here.

	Total.	Males.	Females.
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	11	6	5
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	10	5	5
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	8	—	8
Cities and towns,	17	4	13
Total,	46	15	31

Table showing the number of Males and Females who have died each month.

	Total.	Males.	Females.
October,	2	1	1
November,	5	—	5
December,	3	1	2
January,	2	2	—
February,	4	1	3
March,	1	—	1
April,	6	3	3
May,	1	—	1
June,	5	2	3
July,	3	—	3
August,	8	2	6
September,	6	2	4

Table showing the ages of those who have died in this department during the year.

	Total.	Males.	Females.
Between 10 and 20,	6	3	3
20 and 30,	8	2	6
30 and 40,	9	5	4
40 and 50,	7	1	6
50 and 60,	5	2	3
60 and 70,	8	1	7
70 and 80,	2	1	1
Over 80,	1	—	1

I wish to remind the proper authorities that one of the purposes of the institution was to give employment to the men in the several hospitals in the State by transferring them to this, where their labor would in part compensate for their support. We are now receiving about two females to one male.

To you, gentlemen, it is my agreeable duty to acknowledge the continued interest which you have manifested in the affairs of the institution, the comfort and welfare of its inmates, and your courtesy and kindness to myself and family.

THOS. J. MARSH,
Superintendent.

STATEMENT NO. 1.

Number in the house at the commencement of the year,	690
Admitted during the year,	2,055
Discharged,	2,090
Supported,	2,745
Deaths,	243
Births,	58
Weekly average,	724
Present number,	655

Of the 2,055 admitted during the year, there were from

Boston,	1,312
Lowell,	109
Lawrence,	68
Tewksbury,	66
Births,	58
State Almshouse, Monson,	59
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	49
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	48
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	46
Salem,	31
Charlestown,	23
Cambridge,	20
Chelsea,	17
Lynn,	12
Somerville,	12
Gloucester,	11
Haverhill,	9
Newburyport,	9
Peabody,	8
Fitchburg,	8
Newton,	6
Medford and Arlington, 5 each,	10
North Reading, Stoneham and Chelmsford, 4 each,	12
Natick, Concord, West Roxbury, Waltham, and State Almshouse, Bridgewater, 3 each,	15
Brighton, Andover, Danvers, Georgetown, Dracut, Hopkinton, Ames- bury, Marblehead and Framingham, 2 each,	18
Stow, Marlborough, Winchendon, Malden, Wakefield, Webster, Bed- ford, Methuen, Swampscott, Tyngsborough, Everett, Shirley, Ips- wich, Woburn, West Newbury, Belmont, Rockport, Ashburnham and Melrose, 1 each,	19

The following table shows the number admitted each month, age when admitted, and sex :—

MONTHS.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Under 10.	Between 10 and 20.	Between 20 and 30.	Between 30 and 40.	Between 40 and 50.	Between 50 and 60.	Between 60 and 70.	Between 70 and 80.	Over 80.
October, .	104	56	48	17	7	18	20	15	5	12	6	4
November, .	143	81	62	26	12	40	16	15	11	16	5	2
December, .	182	116	66	22	29	35	37	22	17	12	5	3
January, .	155	108	47	13	19	50	26	20	11	10	6	—
February, .	156	91	65	25	17	52	26	13	10	5	7	1
March, . .	127	83	44	23	17	26	33	8	9	4	5	2
April, . .	106	67	39	21	10	23	14	15	10	6	5	2
May, . .	163	85	78	24	13	39	31	19	16	16	4	1
June, . .	107	53	54	19	9	21	23	9	5	14	4	3
July, . . .	145	65	80	25	15	29	27	17	17	10	3	2
August, . .	150	78	72	20	17	29	19	23	23	11	7	1
September, .	517	306	211	81	58	125	103	65	37	37	9	2
	2,055	1,189	866	316	223	487	375	241	171	153	66	23

STATEMENT NO. 2.

Nativity of Inmates.

Ireland,	812
Massachusetts,	365
British Provinces,	166
England,	153
Maine,	83
New York,	76
Unknown,	58
Pennsylvania,	42
Scotland,	40
Germany,	32
New Hampshire,	32
Virginia,	24
Connecticut,	19
Vermont,	16
France,	14
Switzerland,	12

Rhode Island,	9
Maryland,	9
Africa,	8
West Indies,	7
New Jersey,	7
Holland,	6
Michigan,	6
Missouri,	5
South Carolina, North Carolina, Sweden and Portugal, 4 each, . .	16
Denmark, Illinois, Louisiana, District of Columbia, St. Helena and Delaware, 3 each,	18
Georgia, Ohio, Hungary and California, 2 each,	8
At sea, Guatemala, Kentucky, Prussia, Mississippi, Cuba, Norway, Alabama, East Indies, Tennessee, Central America and Indiana, 1 each,	12
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STATEMENT No. 3.

Cash Disbursements.

Appraisal of personal property and real estate for 1869 and 1870, .	\$135 00
Beans, 159 $\frac{3}{8}$ bushels,	359 32
Beef (fresh),	3,287 30
Beef (salt), 182 barrels,	3,212 41
Books, newspapers, postage and stationery,	259 12
Brooms, 32 dozen,	160 00
Cement, lime and plaster, 10 casks,	26 30
Chaplain, services of,	165 00
Clothing,	3,270 91
Coal, 1,057 tons,	7,550 47
Coffee, 308 pounds,	70 85
Corn, 1,502 bushels,	1,578 33
Cotton cloth, 5,665 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards,	805 10
Crockery and glass ware,	182 93
Carriages and wagons,	455 00
Consulting physician, services of,	15 00
Dry goods,	1,403 50
Flour, 1,306 barrels,	9,103 25
Fish (salt and fresh), 35,577 $\frac{1}{4}$ pounds,	1,548 94
Furniture,	771 98
Fertilizers, 15 tons,	238 89
Groceries,	546 11
Hardware,	54 93
Hay (English), 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons,	65 20
Hay (meadow), 126 tons,	1,473 10
Hay (salt), 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons,	189 26

Hops, 184 pounds.	\$36 80
Improvements,	2,981 61
Labor,	1,206 49
Lumber,	297 09
Malt,	12 00
Meal (cotton-seed), 7 tons,	271 00
Meats and provisions,	1,154 81
Medicines,	545 31
Miscellaneous,	7 00
Molasses, 2,668 gallons,	1,436 62
Mutton, 4,242 pounds,	217 75
Oats, 718 bushels,	451 67
Oil, 1,122½ gallons,	925 06
Paints, oils and colors,	17 90
Painting house,	2,418 73
Pasturage,	179 00
Pepper, 155 pounds,	69 75
Pease, 155 bushels,	282 60
Potatoes, 12 barrels,	47 00
Repairs,	2,744 41
Rice, 7,326 pounds,	612 69
Rye, 20 bushels,	23 00
Salaries,	11,399 11
Salt,	156 50
Seeds,	222 30
Shoe stock and tools,	150 90
Shorts, 54½ tons,	1,480 26
Shoes,	559 86
Soap stock, 10,606 pounds,	681 49
Starch, 292 pounds,	32 92
Stoves,	168 15
Stock (live),	1,960 16
Sugar, 11,271 pounds,	1,544 86
Smithwork,	35 17
Tea, 2,689 pounds,	2,111 12
Tin ware,	141 69
Tobacco, 303 pounds,	177 18
Tools (agricultural),	163 98
Tools (mechanical),	115 74
Trial justice, services of,	90 00
Transportation of freight,	615 07
Transportation of passengers,	411 30
Vinegar, 550 gallons,	182 88
Wooden ware,	66 58

 \$75,333 71

STATEMENT No. 4.

Products of the Farm.

100 bushels onions.	15 tons mangel-wurzel.
2,500 " potatoes.	97 $\frac{1}{4}$ " English hay.
350 " corn.	15 $\frac{1}{4}$ " millet.
15 " millet seed.	5 " meadow hay.
8 " early beans.	20 " corn fodder.
20 " parsnips.	16,500 heads cabbage.
350 " tomatoes.	5,000 " lettuce.
20 " cucumbers.	40 barrels muskmelons.
50 " turnip beets.	100 " apples.
175 " green pease.	40 " cider apples.
40 " sweet corn.	1,300 pounds rhubarb.
500 " turnips.	500 cords manure.
500 " English turnips.	40 " wood.
10 tons carrots.	

The meats slaughtered from the stock of the farm amount to—

11,415 pounds pork.	180 pounds chickens.
12,727 " beef.	1,046 " hides.
1,182 " veal.	25 calf-skins.

Dairy products, 21,038 gallons milk. | 856 dozen eggs.

1869.	1869.	
Oct. 1,	Oct. 1,	
To amount on hand,	\$2,725 68	By cash paid State Treasurer, including
amount received for articles sold,	1,232 59	\$396 drawn as deficiency of 1868,
amount received from effects of in-		transferred to 1869, and not used, .
mates who have died or absconded,	50 66	cash drawn on account of salaries of
amount received from Gen. Agent		1869,
Board of State Charities for rail-		cash on hand,
road tickets,	316 30	
	\$4,325 23	\$2,579 63
		146 05
		1,599 55
		\$4,325 23

* Amount drawn as deficiency of 1868 and transferred to 1869.

THOS. J. MARSH, Superintendent.

This may certify that we have examined the foregoing account of Thomas J. Marsh with the Commonwealth, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

F. H. NOURSE,
GEO. P. ELLIOT,
BENJ. C. PERKINS, } Inspectors.

STATEMENT No. 6.

[Special Appropriation for the Better Protection of the Institution from Fire.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS *in account with* FRANCIS H. NOURSE, GEORGE P. ELLIOT *and* BENJAMIN C. PERKINS,
 Dr. Cr.
Inspectors.

1869. Oct. 1,	To balance of additional appropriation, Chap. 25, Resolves of 1869, . . .	\$633 20 \$633 20	1870. Jan. 5,	By cash paid for two hose carriages, . unexpended balance,	\$400 00 233 20 \$633 20

Special Appropriation for the Purchase of Land.

Balance on hand, as per last report, \$581 40

REPORT ON THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

To the Inspectors of the Tewksbury State Almshouse.

GENTLEMEN :—I beg leave to submit the Seventeenth Annual Report of the condition of the Medical Department of this institution, for the year ending September 30, 1870.

With the exception of a run of measles last spring, we have suffered from no epidemic during the year. It is true we have had some cases of pertussis or whooping cough, but they did not any of them originate here. They were brought in from abroad, but by carefully isolating them the disease was happily prevented from being communicated to any of the inmates here. It was the same with the typhoid fever, twenty-six cases of which you will find reported in Table No. 1. They were all brought in here in various stages of the disease, and all recovered but one young man whose powers of nature were so shattered by dissipation that he had not stamina enough left to resist the attack of the disease or sustain him through its course. This case shows especially to the young the importance of husbanding their constitutional powers and so strengthening them by a life of temperance and sobriety, that they may at all times be enabled to offer a successful resistance,

“When languor and disease invade

“This trembling house of clay.”

Our number of deaths has been larger than last year. This has been owing, in part, to the fact that a much larger number has been brought in during the year in a hopelessly diseased condition, many of them in fact just “ready to perish,” and one during the present month was *in articulo mortis* when she arrived, and actually died in less than half an hour after reaching the hospital. It appears to me that a little more caution should be exercised by the town authorities in transferring the State

sick poor to the almshouse. To say nothing of the violation of law, common humanity demands that the final event, inevitable though it may be, in the case of those whose sands of life have almost run out, should not be hastened by rudely jostling their hour-glass of life by such removal. Another cause of our increased mortality has been the extreme hot weather of the past summer, which rendered the diseases incident to the season more grave in their character, more difficult in their cure, and more fatal in their termination. Again, so long as this institution is made the receptacle of all the old, debilitated and diseased State paupers in the Commonwealth, a small bill of mortality cannot reasonably be looked for.

There have been thirty foundlings received during the year. The following table will show when they were received and when they died, the latter event being the almost inevitable sequence of the former:—

NAMES.	Age.	Admitted.	From.	Departure.
John Brown, . .	2 months,	Nov. 2,	Boston, .	Died Dec. 13.
Joseph Ford, . .	8 “	10,	Dracut, }	Taken by moth- er.
Kate Carney, . .	7 weeks, .	23,	Charlestown,	Died Apr. 10.
Willie Anthony, .	7 “	Dec. 2,	Boston, .	Mar. 4.
Mary A. Harlehy, .	9 months,	3,	Lowell, .	Apr. 5.
Peter Maguire, . .	4 “	11,	Dracut, .	Mar. 19.
Kate Dorie, . .	11 “	30,	Boston, .	Mar. 9.
Franklin Hogan, .	10 weeks, .	Feb. 2,	“ .	July 11.
Emma Chestley, .	1 month, .	23,	“ .	Mar. 23.
Arthur Grinstone, .	2 weeks, .	28,	“ .	Mar. 30.
Harry Layfield, .	6 “	Mar. 29,	“ .	Apr. 22.
Alfred L. Appleton, .	1 week, .	Apr. 1,	Lowell, .	July 2.
Mary Lawrence, . .	2 weeks, .	15,	Boston, .	June 15.
Mary Applegate, .	1 month, .	20,	“ .	Apr. 29.
Mary Brighton, . .	2 days, .	25,	“ .	May 30.
Hattie Jarman, . .	2 months,	27,	“ .	July 6.
Ellen Allen, . .	8 “	May 5,	“ }	Taken by moth- er.
Michael O'Donnel, .	2 “	16,	Lowell, .	Died July 29.

NAMES.	Age.	Admitted.	From.	Departure.
John Dace, . .	1 month, .	May 17,	Boston, .	Died June 3.
Sarah Reardon, . .	17 days, .	June 7,	" .	July 22.
Junia Ashwood, . .	2 weeks, .	13,	Georgetown,	June 26.
Henry Henley, . .	2 "	13,	Charlestown,	July 2.
Claffin Everett, . .	2 "	13,	Everett, .	July 1.
William Benison, . .	2 months,	July 2,	Boston, .	Aug. 17.
Lincoln Davis, . .	2 "	13,	" }	Taken by mother.
Julietta Chapman, . .	2 "	19,	" .	Died July 28.
Willie Franklin, . .	1 month, .	25,	Somerville, .	July 30.
Henry D. Arnold, . .	1 week, .	Aug. 2,	Boston, .	Adopted.
Lizzie Le France, . .	6 months,	6,	Lawrence, .	Died Aug. 10.
James F. Coleman, . .	5 "	Sept. 17,	" .	- -

There has been more sickness and an increased mortality among the insane during the past year. As in former years, those of this class who were physically able have been employed in assisting to perform the labor on the farm and about the house, with the same beneficial results to themselves and to the State as in the past.

The following table will show you the number of deaths, the number recovered and the number improved among the insane during the year. For other statistics regarding this department you are respectfully referred to the report of the Superintendent:—

	Total.	Males.	Females.
Deaths during the year,	46	14	32
Recovered during the year,	6	2	4
Improved during the year,	7	4	3

I should be neglecting the feelings and the comfort of those under my care if I did not again urge upon your attention the

pressing need of more suitable accommodation for the sick. The present arrangement is an outrage on common decency, and a disgrace to the charities of the Commonwealth. This institution is now made a receptacle for nearly all the diseased State paupers, and every sentiment of justice and humanity demands that the hospital accommodations for this unfortunate class should be enlarged and improved.

In conclusion, allow me to acknowledge my obligations to Miss Helen M. Marsh for the valuable services which, as Assistant Physician, she has rendered me in the discharge of my duties, and to yourselves, gentlemen, permit me to give my assurances of gratitude for your uniform kindness and consideration.

J. D. NICHOLS, *Physician.*

STATE ALMSHOUSE, TEWKSBURY, }
September 30, 1870. }

TABLE No. 1.

Showing the Diseases at the State Almshouse, Tewksbury, the Whole and Monthly Number, and the Whole and Monthly Average, from October 1, 1869, to September 30, 1870.

DISEASES.	TOTAL.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.
Amenorrhœa,	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Anasarca,	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Atrophy,	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	1	-
Cancer,	6	1	1	1	-	-	-	21	1	14	9	14	16
Debility,	205	51	17	11	10	9	17	-	16	1	1	1	-
Dropsy,	6	1	2	1	-	-	3	2	-	1	1	4	3
Fever,	18	3	5	1	-	1	2	1	2	1	-	1	1
“ Typhoid,	26	3	-	5	3	2	1	1	1	2	-	1	4
“ Intermittent,	11	-	-	-	-	1	1	27	-	-	-	1	-
Measles,	37	-	-	-	-	10	10	6	-	6	6	7	3
Parturition,	60	4	3	3	1	10	8	3	3	8	7	7	4
Rheumatism,	75	12	5	3	4	9	8	3	5	1	1	1	1
Scrofula,	8	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	2	3
Sore Eyes,	25	7	2	-	2	3	-	2	1	-	3	9	9
Venereal,	109	11	7	7	7	17	6	8	8	15	5	9	-
Miscellaneous,	6	-	-	2	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
<i>Diseases of Alimentary Canal.</i>													
Cancrum Oris,	4	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cholera Morbus,	16	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	9	1
Diarrhœa,	88	9	3	5	6	5	2	11	5	5	7	18	12

Spinal Irritation,	.	.	.	.	.		6	189	81	91	77	100	90	109	78	86	79	103	92
Miscellaneous, .	.	.	.	.	.		4	11	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
<i>Skin Diseases.</i>																			
Erysipelas,	.	.	.	.	.		7	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	1
Eczema, .	.	.	.	.	.		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Favus, .	.	.	.	.	.		3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Scabies, .	.	.	.	.	.		10	2	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Salt Rheum,	.	.	.	.	.		1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
<i>Surgical Diseases.</i>																			
Abscess, .	.	.	.	.	.		16	1	1	1	4	3	-	-	-	1	3	1	1
Burns, Bruises and Sores,	.	.	.	.	.		34	4	2	7	2	2	1	-	2	3	6	1	4
Carbuncle,	.	.	.	.	.		5	1	1	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	1	-
Caries, .	.	.	.	.	.		13	5	-	2	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Fistula in Ano,	.	.	.	.	.		2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fracture,	.	.	.	.	.		12	3	1	-	3	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Frostbite,	.	.	.	.	.		7	-	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Gangrene,	.	.	.	.	.		2	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hernia, .	.	.	.	.	.		5	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Sprain, .	.	.	.	.	.		5	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Stricture of Urethra,	.	.	.	.	.		3	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ulcer, .	.	.	.	.	.		21	8	1	-	1	2	2	1	1	3	2	-	-
Miscellaneous, .	.	.	.	.	.		12	2	3	3	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Total,	.	.	.	.	.		1,175	189	81	91	77	100	90	109	78	86	79	103	92
Average number on sick list,							134	126	132	129	126	144	155	144	136	135	134	141	130

TABLE NO. 3.

Showing the Number of Births in the Tewksbury State Almshouse, during each Month, from October 1, 1869, to September 30, 1870, the Sex, whether Illegitimate, Twins or Still-Born, and the Birthplace of the Mothers.

MONTHS.	Total.	Males.	Females.	ILLEGITIMATE.			Twins.	Still-Born.	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHERS.				
				Males.	Females.	Total.			U. States.	Ireland.	England.	British Provinces.	Other Countries.
October, .	4	1	3	-	2	2	-	-	1	3	-	-	-
November, .	3	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-
December, .	3	1	2	1	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
January, .	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
February, .	11	5	5	2	2	4	2	1	4	5	-	1	-
March, .	8	6	1	4	2	6	-	1	2	5	-	1	-
April, .	6	2	3	2	2	4	-	1	-	6	-	-	-
May, .	3	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
June, .	6	2	4	1	2	3	-	-	1	4	-	1	-
July, .	6	1	4	1	3	4	-	1	2	2	1	1	-
August, .	7	5	2	3	2	5	-	-	3	3	1	-	-
September,	3	1	2	1	2	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	1
Total, .	61	26	31	16	20	36	2	4	16	34	2	6	2